

Response Under 37 CFR § 1.116 Expedited Procedure - Group 2177

## PATENT APPLICATION

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| in re Application of:                           | )     |                           |
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| HIDENORI TAKATA, et al.                         | :     | Examiner: Khanh B. Pham   |
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